

AGENDA ITEM VI

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISION

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY/LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

CONCURRENT M.B.A./J.D. PROGRAM

STAFF SUMMARY

Louisiana State University and A&M College currently offers a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program; the LSU Law Center currently offers a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) program. Both universities propose to allow students at each to concurrently enroll and matriculate through both programs.

The proposal outlines a format and procedure very similar to that already approved for the concurrent M.P.A./J.D. program offered by both campuses. Students desiring to pursue the concurrent M.B.A./J.D. will be required to be admitted to LSU's Graduate School of Business Administration and the LSU Law Center. Students will choose initially to complete the first year of studies in one of the two programs; the second year will be devoted to completing required first-year coursework in the other program. Upon completion of two years of coursework, students will be eligible to receive concurrent credit toward both degrees. Thereafter, students will work simultaneously toward completion of both curricula. Ultimately, 12 hours of M.B.A. credit will apply to the J.D. degree, and 18 hours of J.D. credit will apply to the M.B.A. degree. It is expected that this arrangement will permit students to earn both degrees within four years, rather than the five years required if they enroll in each program separately. Upon completion, graduates will receive the M.B.A. from LSU and A&M College and the J.D. from the LSU Law Center.

Institutions will continue to enforce their own admission requirements, separate degree structure, and separate degree requirements. No additional resources will be required.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The proposal appears to be academically sound. Upon approval, students at both institutions will be given a wider opportunity for attaining graduate/professional degrees.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Students Affairs Committee grant approval for the joint request from Louisiana State University and A&M College and the Louisiana State University Law Center to offer the concurrent Master of Business Administration/Juris

Doctorate program.